Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, On October 6, 1967, the first class of physician assistants graduated from the Duke University PA Program in North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Today some 18,000 PAs practice in a variety of health care settings through the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Hayes, through the University of South Dakota, started the first PAs in South Dakota in the communities of Wall, White River, Murdo, and Midland in 1972, and now approximately 120 PAs serve South Dakota across the state; and,

WHEREAS, PAs, working with physicians, promote better distribution of health care services and improve access to care in rural and underserved areas; and,

WHEREAS, PAs are well known for their patient education and counseling skills:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 1988, as

NATIONAL PA DAY

in South Dakota to commemorate the start of their profession twenty years ago.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Ninth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE